

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
: Examiner: Brandon Hoffman  
Minoru TESHIGAWARA )  
: Group Art Unit: 2136  
Application No.: 09/879,994 )  
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For: IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD AND )  
APPARATUS AND IMAGE )  
PROCESSING SYSTEM ) December 26, 2007

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Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 26, 2007, please amend the application as follows: